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1. URI AVINERI, WELL-KNOWN ISRAELI "DOVE" AND MEMBER OF
THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE COUNCIL (IPC), RECENTLY
TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HOPES THE PLO WILL SOON AGREE TO
HOLDING "OFFICIAL" MEETINGS WITH THE COUNCIL IN
AUSTRIA UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF BRUNO KRISKY
(IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST
PARTY AND NOT AS AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHANCELLOR). IF

HELD, THESE MEETINGS WOULD DIFFER FROM THE PREVIOUS SEVEN SERIES OF SESSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, IN THAT THEY WOULD BE MORE OR LESS REGULARLY SCHEDULED AND WIDELY PUBLICIZED. THE COUNCIL ADVOCATES SUCH A FORUM FOR ITS CONTACTS WITH THE PLO BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT THE ISRAELI PUBLIC COULD THEREBY BE INFLUENCED TO MODERATE ITS AUTOMATIC ANTI-PLO PREJUDICES.

2. AN AUSTRIAN DIPLOMAT TOLD US MARCH 8 THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD HEARD OF ANY IPC-PLO MEETINGS POSSIBLY BEING HELD IN AUSTRIA AND THAT KRIESKY HAD NOT MENTIONED IT DURING HIS MID-FEBRUARY VISIT TO ISRAEL (SEE TEL AVIV 1399).

3. IN DISCUSSING IPC-PLO CONTACTS, AVINERI MADE THE SAME POINTS PELED HAD MADE (REFTEL) REGARDING ABU MAZIN, KADDOUMI, AND MODERATION WITHIN THE PLO. HE ADDED THAT ISRAELI CONTACTS WITH THE PLO HAD DEVELOPED OUT OF MEETINGS BETWEEN HIM AND SAID HAMMAMI (PLO REP IN LONDON) IN 1974.

4. AVINERI MAINTAINED THAT THE GOI DOES NOT HAVE A (DEFINITIVE) POLICY TOWARDS THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. CITING A CONVERSATION HE HAD IN 1967 WITH THEN PRIME MINISTER ESHKOL, AVINERI SAID THE GOI INTENDS TO HOLD ONTO AS MUCH TERRITORY AS IT CAN FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE UNTIL PRESSURED (PROBABLY BY THE USG) TO RELINQUISH IT. THE GOI'S POLICY AGAINST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A THIRD STATE SIMPLY DERIVES FROM THIS POSITION OF "MIDDLE EAST HAGGLING"--"YOU DON'T GIVE UP SOMETHING FOR NOTHIN," AVINERI QUOTED ESHKOL.

5. COMMENT: AVINERI CLEARLY WOULD LIKE THE USG TO PRSSURE THE GOI TO WITHDRAW TO THE '67 LINES. WE BELIEVE HE IS PROBABLY OVER-OPTIMISTIC IN HIS BELIEF THAT THE ISRAELI PUBLIC (AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT) ARE NOT DEEPLY AGAINST A PALESTINIAN "THIRD" STATE LED BY A MODERATE PLO. DUNNIGAN

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